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15 December 1950

Dear Dr. Conant,

I wish to express to you and the members of the Corporation of Harvard College my appreciation of the leave of absence granted to [redacted] for a period of service with the Central Intelligence Agency.

It is realized that [redacted] services will be greatly missed by the University, but the importance of intelligence to the security of our country can not be over emphasized.

Please accept my gratitude for this generous and patriotic action of Harvard University.

Sincerely,

*W. Harry Truman*

Dr. James B. Conant  
President  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

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